GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CENSUS OF TIGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the tiger census throughout the country in a phased manner regularly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated number of tiger on the basis of census report for the last ten years;

(d) whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding on 'Tiger Trade & Farming' with any country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) The All India tiger estimation process has been refined by Project Tiger (now the National Tiger Conservation Authority), in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India. The Tiger Task Force constituted by the National Board for Wildlife, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, has approved this process, which has been adopted for the country level estimation of tigers.

(c) Details of past tiger estimation figures as reported by States using the earlier pugmark method are at Annexures I & II.

(d) & (e) India has a Memorandum of Understanding with Nepal on controlling transboundary illegal trade in wildlife, apart from a protocol on tiger conservation with China.